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Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 13th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Smyth, Murray, Powell, Regan, Skinner, Stringer, Keenleyside, Edleston, Glass, Browne, Christie, Vining, T. Peel, J. R. Peel, Thompson, McNab, Williams, Egan.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

The Clerk read a return of the municipal elections for 1879.

MAYOR.

Robert Lewis, Esq.

ALDERMEN.

No. 1 Ward—Robert Pritchard, John Campbell, Jas. Muirhead.

No. 2 Ward—William W. Fitzgerald, Ambrose B. Powell, Andrew K. Thompson.

No. 3 Ward—William Skinner, Samuel Stringer, Charles Taylor.

No. 4 Ward—George Edleston, Benjamin W. Greer, George T. Hiscox.

No. 5 Ward—James Ardell, Graham Glass, George Gray.

No. 6 Ward—William Scarrow, John Williams, John Boyd.

No. 7 Ward—John R. Peel, James Egan, John Raynor.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Hon. John Carling, John R. Minhinnick.

Communications were read—

From W. D. Buckle, on behalf of the Real Estate Protective Association, intimating that the answer sent to their last communication was not satisfactory. Fyled.

From Dr. Hobbs, submitting account of $80 for attendance at small pox hospital, and declining $40 tendered for such services. Referred to Board of Health.

From Robt. Rody, City Clerk, Toronto, relating to this Council becoming responsible for inmates admitted to Toronto Hospital. Referred to Hospital Committee.

From James Marshall and D. Gillet, asking for appointment as chimney sweeps. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Deborah Hawkins, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Henry Wallace, complaining of the way in which wood is measured on the market. Referred to Market Committee.

Ald. Campbell, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Finance Committee :—

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and would recommend the same to be paid:

Pay sheet for city officers	$2657 50
Board of Health and Hospital	156 88
Relief to poor, wood and burying dead	72 45
Incidental expenses	11 00
Tytler & Rose account, per Churcher	15 25
Fire Department	613 70
Hospital account	947 58
Gas Company account	1504 97
Laing & McPherson account, police clothing	430 08
Police Station	6 96
W. R. Meredith, solicitor's account	260 86
E. A. Taylor's account, stationery	40 35
John Cameron & Co.'s account	145 26
M. D. Dawson & Co.'s account	56 12
Total	$7008 96

2. Your Committee would recommend that, inasmuch as it has been deemed advisable to withdraw two policemen, required at the City Hall for night and day duty, on account of vacancy occuring in the police force, and in order to obviate the necessity of making a new appointment, we would respectfully recommend that this Council do appoint a night watchman to look after the City Hall, to be stationed at the Collectors' office, and to attend to ringing the bell in case of fire, etc., and that Mr. Lawrence Powers be appointed to that office, subject to a salary to be reported upon by the Salary Committee.

3. Your Committee would also recommend that the two Collectors continue to collect the taxes for the year 1878, and make their returns with as little delay as possible.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Egan verbally reported from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, recommending that the necessary water pipes be brought into the City Hall building.

Adopted.

Ald. Egan also read the annual report of the Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:

To Ald. Egan, Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

SIR—Having promised your committee a reduction in the annual expenses of the Fire Department in the event of the construction and successful operation of the present system of water supply, I now beg leave to present for your consideration

the following report in accordance therewith:—

As you had thought it advisable before entertaining a change in the present fire department that an inspection of the systems of fire protection in the cities of Hamilton and Toronto should be made, at your request, I accompanied you on a visit to these cities, and after careful enquiry and examination of the appliances necessary for the hydrant system and the character of their respective organizations, I have by your instruction embodied the information obtained in this report as follows:—

The city of Hamilton has about 400 hydrants in fire service, and an average water pressure in the mains of 60 lbs. to the square inch. Through the courtesy of the firemen a hydrant was opened, and a stream of water was thrown 126 feet. No engines have been used in the city for the past twelve years. The Fire Department, which is partly permanent and partly at call, numbers 45 men, with 3 stations, 4 hose-reels, and a hook and ladder truck. Three men are permanently employed at the Central Station, who have charge of the fire alarm, hydrants, valves, horses and apparatus. The Chief Engineer and 41 men are upon duty by bell call only. The annual expenses are about $7,000. Several destructive fires having occurred during the present year, we were anxious to learn the cause, and from information given by the citizens and firemen, they attribute the losses to lack of proper apparatus and imperfect organization in the Fire Department.

The Fire Department of the city of Toronto has under its exclusive charge 1,000 hydrants and a very extensive system of fire alarm. The Department, which is on the permanent basis, numbers 52 men of all ranks, who are paid as follows: Chief Engineer, $1,500 per ann.; Asst. Chief and Sec., $1,000; 2nd Asst. Chief, $1,000; Supt. of Fire Alarm, $1,000; Assistant do., $590. The balance of the salaries range from $50 to $37 per month, with one suit of clothing yer year. There are 9 stations, which are all equipped with the newest and best appliances and apparatus. The stable doors are ingenicusly connected with the fire alarm telegraph and are opened instantly upon an alarm of fire from any box in the city. The horses of the department are hired by the year—a system that does not give satisfaction. No engines have been used at fires for the past two years. New and useful appliances have been apopted which save the employment of extra men and simplifies the work at a fire. Shutoff nozzles are used to control the use of water at fires, and gates on the hydrant posts in case of the bursting of hose or shutting off a stream of water without closing the hydrant. A hydrant was opened at the Court street station and a very fine stream instantly thrown to the top of the tower through three hundred feet of hose. With the present hydrant system and the new permanent organization, the losses by fire in the city have been reduced to a trifle compared with the late cumbrous principle of steamers for motive power. The average pressure upon the mains is about 75lbs. to the square inch, and is found sufficient for all the emergencies of fire protection. The hydrants throughout the central part of the city are within 300 feet of each other. The new patent harness is used in all the stations and is attached to the apparatus, thus relieving the horses of this burden and wear and tear as well in the stalls.

Having carefully inspected all the various features and practical advantages of the admirable system of fire protection in the City of Toronto, I feel assured that no mistake will be made should your Committee and the Council adopt a similar system for the reorganization of the Fire Department of this city. I would therefore recommend the following plan of reorganization for your consideration, to take effect as soon as the mains and hydrants are tested and found to give sufficient pressure:

That the Department number 12 men to be classified as follows: Chief Engineer not permanent, to have charge of hydrants, fire alarm and department; Assistant Engineer, not permanent; foreman at Central Station, permanent; two drivers at Central Station, permanent; four branchmen, not permanent; three hosemen, not permanent. Nine men of the force would be at call except ing the Chief Engineer, who would be responsible for the condition of hydrants, fire alarm, and other duties required by the department. An annual allowance should be made for uniform for the force. One steam fire engine (No. 1) could be sold immediately, but No. 2 engine should be retained until the most thorough test of the water works has been made. Four horses will be required; an extra horse in case of accident or sickness is very necessary. The stable doors should be constructed to open upon an alarm box being pulled in any part of the city. New harness is required, and should be of the pattern used in Toronto, which is always kept upon the apparatus. A water-pressure gauge should be placed in the station connecting with the mains, so that breakage of mains or insufficient pressure may be at once detected, and information given to the water-works department. Necessary keys for opening and closing valves and hydrants should be provided for the use of the department. Stop or shut-off nozzles will be required for the control of water or fires. A 15-inch mechanical gong and a fire alarm box are required for the Central Station. All tanks that are considered dangerous or useless should at once be filled up. Hydrants should be placed in the middle of the business blocks throughout the city, as the distance now is too great for good pressure, and the quantity of hose required with the present arrangement very expensive.

I have made an estimate of the cost of the proposed changes as above enumerated, and think they can be furnished for a sum not exceeding $500.

With regard to the reduction in the annual expenses of the Fire Department, the principal items are for tank building and repairs, and filling the same with water; the maintenance of engines, fuel and one engineer, and the saving of a considerable sum yearly in hose and repairs. These items would probably aggregate $4,000 per year for the next five years. The proposed change will not incur more than $5,000 per year for its maintenance, as can be seen by the following estimate:

ANNUAL EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

Salaries—		
Chief Engineer, per annum		$800
" Assistant "		250
Foreman "		500
First driver "		450
Second " "		400
Four Branchmen "		600
Three Hosemen "		300
		$3300
Ordinary expenses—		
Stable account, four horses, per year		400
Wood and coal		100
Fire alarm telegraph, per year, allowing for two boxes per year		300
Average per year for hose		500
Washing, repairs, sundries		200
Allowance for uniforms, per year		200
Total		$5000

The annual expenses of the Department for the past five years and six months have been as follows: Nine months, 1873, $10,905.21; twelve months, 1874, $9,533.23; do., 1875, $8,500; do., 1876, $8,200; do., 1877, $6,750; do., 1878, $5,500. The reduction in the last two years has been caused by the stoppage of all tank building and the repairs thereto, except where extremely necessary.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

THOMAS WASTIE,
Chief Engineer F. D

London, December, 1878.

Referred to Committee on Fire, Water and Gas.

Ald. J. R. Peel, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Board of Works:

"Your Board of Works beg leave to present the following statement of repairs and improvements completed during the past year, viz.: There have been 4¼ miles of new plank sidewalks built; 3½ miles of gravel sidewalks; 3¼ miles of streets graded: 1 mile of asphalt sidewalks; 7 blocked crossings laid down; 6 stone do.; 52 gravel do.; 3450 feet of culverts built; 3 small bridges, and 1 large 6-foot brick culvert, 132 feet long. Repaired—32 miles of plank sidewalks, and 40 miles of streets, with 1603 cords of gravel. It will be seen by the foregoing that your city engineer and street commissioner's time have been thoroughly taxed in superintending and guarding the expenditure of the Board of Works during the year.

"Your Board of Works would recommend that the tender of Wm. Anthistle, for 100 cords of stone, at $2.50 per cord, be accepted, the same being the lowest.

"Your Board of Works would also recommend that the Board of Works of the new Council take up the matter of frontage tax and drainrge at as early a date as possible."

	APPROPRIATIONS First.	Second.	Total.	EXPENDITURE.	BALANCE *in favor †in debt.
Ward 1	$1500 00	$536 49	$2036 49	$2033 69	†$ 2 20
" 2	1820 00	631 93	2451 93	2871 35	† 419 42
" 3	1693 00	596 14	2289 14	2177 38	* 111 76
" 4	1400 00	417 14	1817 10	1708 80	* 108 39
" 5	2400 00	715 43	3115 43	3036 52	* 78 91
" 6	2000 00	596 14	2596 14	2720 35	† 124 21
" 7	1700 00	500 68	2206 68	2052 13	* 154 55
B'rd of Works.	2487 00		2487 00	2487 10	
	$15000 00	$4000 00	$19000 00	$19092 32	†$92 32

Received and adopted.

Ald. Thompson, chairman, verbally reported from the Market Committee, that about $150 had been expended on the market during the past year. He also reported progress in the matter of putting the weigh scales and fees of the wood market up at auction for public competition.

Ald. Powell, chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:—

Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined, passed and referred the following accounts for hospital supplies to Finance Committee for payment, viz.: To paid Chas. Taylor, for meat, $75.24; do., for potatoes, $35; McBride & Boyd, fixing roof, $11.10; Colgrove, vegetable, $9.50; Dundas, straw, $2.50; Grant, postage and sundries, $6.10; Eldridge, bread, $35.72; Labatt, ale, $48; McCallum, drugs, $38.65; W. J. Reid & Co., cuttlery, etc., $25.83; H. B. B. Alley, dry goods, $59.17; S. Stewart, stoves, $43.34; J. Law, gas fitting, etc., $17.53; Mason & Dudley, $2.25; J. Griffin, seeds and flowers, $6.30; Churcher, soap, $9; McBride, oil, lamps, etc., $36.17; W. Ward, carpenting work, $22.75; Jas. Cowan, hardware, $7.89; Henry, milk, $22.59; Hinton & Portwood, $57.05; Grant, servants' wages, $60; T. Brock, fish, $18.58; McCallum, drugs, $36.97; J. Hauls, sharpening saws, etc., $4.20; O'Callaghan, groceries, $134.74; Bowman, coal, $115.42; T. F. Kingsmill, $6.04. Total, $947.58.

The Relief Officer submitted in detail the expenditure of cash and wood for the month of December, which shows the following distributions throughout the different Wards of the city, viz.:

No. 1	Ward	Cash,	$ 5 50	.... Wood,	12	cords.
No. 2	"	"	19 00	.... "	4	"
No. 3	"	"	0 00	.... "	8½	"
No. 4	"	"	0 00	.... "	2	"
No. 5	"	"	0 00	.... "	18	"
No. 6	"	"	13 00	.... "	13½	"
No. 7	"	"	7 00	.... "	3½	"
			$44 50		61½	cords.

Your Committee would ask permission from this Council to advertise for and accept tenders for 200 cords of green and 150 cords of dry wood, the same to be used for relief purposes.

The report of the Hospital Steward (Mr. Stephen Grant) for the year 1878 is as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Hospital and Relief Committee:—

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit the annual report of the London General Hospital during 1878, with a statement in detail of the expenses and receipts.

The total number of patients under treatment for the year was 325, which made a collective stay in the institution of 14,480 days, an average of 43 days each; a daily residence of 40 patients; and an average cost to each patient, officers' and servants' wages and board included, of 48 cents.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Ontario Government	$3,023	62
Paying patients, pensions and patients from municipalities other than Middlesex	1,087	59
Interest on savings bank fund	409	50
Donation from a friend	200	00
County account for 1878	841	79
	$5,562	30
Old account settled with county Middlesex for 1876 and 1877.	1,701	94
	$7,264	44
Expenses	6,931	75
Difference	$ 332	69
Or total expenses for 1878	6,931	75
Actual earnings for year	5,562	50
Difference	$1,369	25

Expenses of the General Hospital, London, during year which ended Dec. 31st, 1878:—

Groceries, wines and liquors	$1,465	90
Bread	397	62
Milk	288	98
Sheeting, shirting, bedding, toweling	274	47
Soft soap	33	00
Coal	345	14
Oil, lamps, stoves, cabinet and tin ware	189	24
Medical and surgical instruments	553	93
Servants' salaries	595	15
Interments and graves	106	50
Crockery, cutlery and glassware	60	26
Butchers' meat	725	48
Hardware, nails, oils, &c.	39	08
Books and stationery	11	60
Straw for bedding	29	80
Dr. Wilkinson, making out medical returns, 1877	10	00
Plumbers work	38	78
Furniture and repairs	113	80
Slippers and boots	19	90
¾lb brass weight		75
Scales inspection	1	15
Trees for planting	6	70
Glazing	27	15
1 platform scales	17	40
3 ladders and jobbing	20	50
1 hand bell	1	50
1 wheelbarrow	5	00
Cleaning clocks	2	00

Fish	70	62
Potatoes and vegetables	91	50
Manure and ploughing	10	50
Cleaning windows	6	00
Lumber	12	50
Beer	68	25
Repairing bedsteads and jobbing	4	63
Saw sharpening	4	20
Ice for the season	15	00
Gravel for avenues	23	75
Apples	5	75
Evening *Advertiser*	5	00
Garden seeds and pots	17	48
Evening HERALD '77 '78	10	00
Chimney sweeping	2	00
Cut of building	25	00
Dust Brooms	3	50
Repairing pumps	7	50
One dozen pillows	9	00
Three outside hall doors for building	22	75
Postage, cab hire, &c., advertising for servants	6	10
Twenty eight ½ cords of wood by Cartwright, at $3.50	98	44
Borrowed from relief wood 9 cords	32	50
Physician, Steward and Matrons salaries	1,000	00
Kingsmill, goods	6	04
McBride & Boyd; repairs on roof	11	10
	$6,948.89	

Following is the Hospital Steward's quarterly report:—

Expenses of the General Hospital, London, during the quarter which ended December 31st, 1878:

Groceries, wines and liquors	$376 79
Bread	99 83
Milk	54 62
Blankets, shirting, etc	87 96
Soft soap	9 00
Coal	115 42
Oil, lamps and tinware	79 51
Medicine and surgical instruments	106 33
Servants' salaries	168 13
Interments and graves	39 00
Crockery, glassware, etc	25 83
Butchers' meat	213 96
Hardware, oils, nails, etc	7 89
Stationery	1 10
Straw for bedding	2 50
Plumbers' work	23 03
Furniture and repairs	13 55
Slippers and boots	2 50
Glazing	3 50
Fish	18 58
Vegetables	65 80
Beer	48 00
Repairing lawn mowers	2 25
Saw sharpening, etc	4 20
Ice	15 00
Gravel for avenues	7 50
Apples	3 25
Flowers pots	6 30
Cut of building	25 00
Dust brooms	4 50
Repairing pumps	7 50
Twelve feather pillows	9 00
Outside doors (3) and jobbing	22 75
Postage, cab hire, advertisement for servants,	6 10
Kingsmill's	8 04
McBride, mending roof	11 10
Total	$1692 32

The following report is submitted by Dr. Wilkinson, the house surgeon:—

I beg to submit the following report of the medical and surgical work for the quarter ending Dec. 31st:—

Remaining in hospital Oct. 1st	41
" " Dec. 31st	41
Number admitted, 83.	
Medical	46
Surgical	22
Confinements	8
Births	7
Number discharged, 83.	
Cured	45
Improved	34
Died	4
Births	7
Deaths	4
Number of prescriptions, 283.	
Original	106
Refilled	167
Out patients	40
Expenses, $10,683.	
Medical	$94 83
Surgical	12 00

Visiting physicians and their visits:—

	Fraser	Niven	Waugh
Oct.	16	11	8
Nov.	12	12	8
Dec.	15	10	4
	43	33	20

Following is the annual report of Relief Officer Hughes:

Statements of moneys and wood expended for the poor of the city from the 1st day of January, 1878, to the 1st day of January, 1879, divided in the several Wards as follows:

Ward No. 1	Cash,	$ 85 34	Wood,	43½	cords
" 3	"	199 35	"	25	"
" 3	"	30 75	"	66	"
" 4	"	9 75	"	12	"
" 5	"	39 00	"	66	"
" 6	"	154 50	"	53	"
" 7	"	72 00	"	16½	"
For Small-pox Hospital,			"	8	"
Total		$590 70		290	cords

Received and adopted.

Ald. Keenleyside, chairman, presented the following report from the Board of Health:—

"Expenses of small-pox hospital to date $167.38; amount of goods furnished

by general hospital, $39.30; total, $206.68. A portion of this will be charged to London East. There is now one patient in the small-pox hospital, who is convalescent, and will be discharged in a few days."

Received and adopted.

His Worship the Mayor read a letter from B. Cronyn, Esq., intimating that he would not again be a candidate for the position of High School Trustee.

The following nominations were then made for High School Trustees:

Mr. W. P. R. Street was then nominated by Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. J. R. Peel.

Mr. John Christie was nominated by Ald. Vining, seconded by Ald. Thomas Peel.

Mr. J. W. Jones was nominated by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Regan.

Mr. Thos. Browne was nominated by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Stringer.

Ald. Vining and Mr. G. M. Gunn declined a nominatien.

The first vote resulted as follows: Street, 8; Christie, 18; Jones, 8; Browne, 7.

Mr. Christie was declared unanimously elected, and Ald. Browne's name dropped.

The second vote resulted as follows: Jones, 10; Street, 9.

Mr. Jones was declared elected.

Ordered that a by-law be prepared for appointment of Messrs. John Christie and John W. Jones as High School Trustees.

Ald. Campbell gives notice that at next meeting he will move that the by-law appointing the Street Commissioner and Caretaker of Victoria Park be repealed.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 15th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the committee room, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present:—Aldermen Edleston, Thompson, Keenleyside, T. Peel, Regan, Campbell, Powell, Christie, Skinner, Stringer, Smyth, Williams, J. R. Peel, Vining and Brown.

The Mayor stated that a telegram had been received from W. R. Meredith, Esq., M. P. P., requiring the adoption of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, relative to consolidation of the debt of the L. & P. S. R. Co. to this city and St. Thomas, on 1st and 2nd mortgage bonds, &c.

The petition was submitted and considered *seriatim* and adopted.

Moved by Ald. Vining, seconded by Ald. Regan, that the Mayor be instructed to sign the petition and affix the corporate seal thereto. Carried.

The by-law authorizing the appointment of Messrs. John Christie and John W. Jones as High School Trustees, was read.

Ald. Glass moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the name of Mr. W. P. R. Street be substituted for that of Mr. Jones. Lost.

The by-law was read a second and third time and passed.

Yeas—Aldermen Browne, Vining, Skinner, Stringer, Keenleyside, T. Peel, Edleston, Regan, Campbell and Smyth—10.

Nays—Glass, Pritchard, J. R. Peel, Christie, Williams and Thompson—6.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 20th, 1879

The new Board of Aldermen for 1879 met in the Council Chamber at twelve o'clock, noon, Monday, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present:—Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Powell, Thompson, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Edleston, Hiscox, Greer, Glass, Gray, Williams, Boyd, Scarrow, Peel, Egan and Raynor.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor appointed Mr. J. B. Schram as auditor for 1879.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that Mr. A. G. Smyth be appointed auditor for 1879.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Peel, that Mr. Wm. Hudson be appointed auditor for 1879.

The amendment carried—10 to 9.

Mr. Hudson was declared elected.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the following Aldermen be appointed a committee to strike standing committees for the year: Ald. Thompson, Skinner, Hiscox, Glass, Williams, Egan and the mover. Carried.

The Council then adjourned till 7.30 this evening.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 23rd, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Stringer, Taylor, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Boyd, Raynor, Gray, Muirhead, Skinner, Scarrow, Hiscox, Williams, Egan, Peel.

His Worship the Mayor said he had called the members of the Council together at the request of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to take up the question of tax exemptions.

Ald. Campbell then submitted the report of the Finance Committee on tax exemptions, which was considered in Committee of the Whole, Mayor Lewis in the chair

The report embraced the questions submitted by the Government, with the Committee's answers thereto.

Question 1.—Is it in your opinion desirable that the classes of exemption mentioned in the list sent you herewith should continue to exist, either in whole or in part? Give reasons for any changes you may suggest. *Answer*—In part only. Passed.

2.—Is it advisable to levy all rates and taxes on real estate only? Give reasons for your opinions. *Answer*—No. By so doing a large amount of property would avoid taxation. Passed.

3.—What is the assessed value for 1877 within your municipality: (1) The real estate. (2) The personal property. (3) The taxable income? *Answer*—(1) Real estate, $7,067, 195. (2) The personal property, $1,314,500. (3) The taxable income, $395,900. Passed.

4.—About how much personal pro erty in your municipality escapes assessment? *Answer.*—About 30 per cent. Passed.

5.—What is the practice in your municipality under sub section No. 30, of section 6 of the Assessment Act? Is it to deduct the whole of the debts, other than mortgage debts, of the person assessed, or if not, what is the course pursued? *Answer.*—All debts are deducted other than mo[illegible]ge debts.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Rayner, that we recommend that all personal property, wherever found, be taxed. Lost.

The clause passed.

6.—Would it be desirable to extend the power of the Councils in cities and towns so as to enable them to impose a frontage tax for local improvements without the petition of the property owners directly interested, or would you suggest any other method? If so, what of levying rates by means of a frontage tax? *Answer*—Believe it better to have petition from two-thirds of the property owners. Passed.

7.—Where a frontage tax is imposed, should it be (1) according to the frontage irrespective of value, or (2) the value irrespective of the buildings or (3) the value including buildings. *Answer*—believe that where a frontage tax is imposed it should be levied on the real estate, irrespective of the buildings.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the value of land be the r[illegible] basis in striking the rate. Lost. Clause passed.

8.—Would the imposing of a business license fee in lieu of taxing personal property be an advantageous change. Give your reasons for the view you take; and any suggestions you may desire to make as to the mode of fixing the license fee, if that course should be adopted. *Answer*—Do not believe that imposing a business license fee would be advisable. Passed.

9.—What is your opinion in regard to assessing live stock of all kinds, wherever found, irrespective of what the party owes? or shall live stock be taxed at all? *Answer*—We would advise no change in the matter. Passed.

10.—Where income exceeds $400 per annum, should the whole of the income, in your opinion, be liable to taxation, or should the $400 be exempt? *Answer*—

Think all income other than $200 should be taxed.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald Stringer, that the basis of income assessment be $400 and not $200. Carried.

Clause passed.

11.—Have you any special suggestions to offer in regard to the assessment of lawns, or vacant ground, used as a farm or garden in villages, towns, or cities? *Answer*—To be assessed according to the real value of the same. Passed.

12.—In cases where manufacturers, agents, commission merchants, or others, carry on business without keeping any assessable stock in hand, do you think a license or other tax should be imposed? If so, in what form? *Answer*—Believe that a license should be imposed. Passed.

13.- Can you suggest any system by which transient traders, such as dealers in bankrupt stocks, can be made to bear their fair share of municipal taxation along with permanent merchants? *Answer*—Think a special tax should be levied.

On motion, this answer was amended by declaring that a deposit shall be made with the treasurer of an amount equal to the tax on the whole stock in-trade.

14—What is your opinion in regard to the advisability of assessments being made on the annual value or rack-rent of the property in cities, towns and villages? *Answer*—Assessment should be based on the actual value of the property. Passed.

15—In assessing joint stock companies, should the rate be struck upon the value of the capital stock, or upon the value of the property of the company? Should any part, and if so, what, be exempt? *Answer*—That the property of joint stock companies be assessed at its actual value. Passed.

16—Should the same rule be adopted as to the banking and insurance companies, or would you recommend any modification with respect to such companies. *Answer*—Yes, and should apply to loan societies as well. Passed.

The committee then submitted a list of exemptions from municipal taxation (appending their answers thereto) under Rev. Stat. of Ont., chap. 180, secs. 6, 24, 25, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, and Statutes of Canada, 32-33 Vic., cap. 8. ses. 4.

(1). "All property vested in or held by Her Majesty, or vested in any public body or body corporate, officer or person in trust for Her Majesty, or for the public use of the Province; and also all property vested in or held by Her Majesty, or any other person or body corporate, in trust for or for the use of any tribe or body of Indians, and either unoccupied, or occupied by some person in an official capacity. (2) Where any property mentioned in the preceding clause is occupied by any person otherwise than in an official capacity, the occupant shall be assessed in respect thereof, but the property itself shall not be liable." *Answer*—No change.

(3) "Every place of worship, and land used in connection therewith, churchyard or burying ground." *Answer*—Churches and burying grounds to be exempt, but land in connection therewith to be assessed at actual value.

(4.) The buildings and grounds of, and attached to every university, college, high school, or other incorporated seminary of learning, whether vested in a trustee or otherwise, so long as such buildings and grounds are actually used and occupied by such institution, or if unoccupied, but not if otherwise occupied. *Answer* Buildings to be exempt, but lands assessed.

(6.) "Every public road and way or public square." *Answer*—No change.

(7.) "The property belonging to any county or local municipality, whether occupied for the purposes thereof or unoccupied, but not when occupied by any person as tenant or lease, or otherwise than as servant or officer of the corporation for the purpose thereof." *Answer*—No change.

(9.) "Every industrial farm, poor house, alms house, orphan asylum, house of industry and lunatic asylum, and every house belonging to a company for the reformation of offenders, and the real and personal property belonging to or connected with the same." *Answer*—No change.

When assessed or controlled by the municipality, otherwise to be assessed at the actual value, exclusive of buildings.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that all under municipal control be exempt, and that all other be assessed at actual value, exclusive of the buildings. Carried.

Ald. Egan moved in amendment that industrial farm, poor house, alms house, orphan asylum and lunatic asylums be exempt.- Not seconded.

(10.) "The property of every public library, mechanics' institute and other public, literary or scientific institution, and of every agricultural or horticultural society, if actually occupied by such society." *Answer* — Recommend that all such property be assessed."

Moved in amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Egan, that the clause of the Act be sustained, and the answer struck out. Lost.

(12.) "The house and premises of any officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of Her Majesty's regular army or navy in actual service, while occupied by them, and the full or half-pay of any in either of such services, and any pension, salary, gratuity or stipend derived by any person from Her Majesty's imperial treasury, or elsewhere out of this Province, and the personal property of any person in such naval or military services, on full pay, or otherwise in actual service. *Answer*—To be assessed at actual value.

(16.) "So much of the personal property of any person as is invested in mortgage upon land or is due to him on account of the sale of land, the fee or freehold of which is vested in him, or is invested in the debentures of the Dominion of Canada or of this Province, or of any municipal corporation thereof, and such debentures. *Answer*—To be assessed.

(17.) "The shares held by any person in the capital stock of any incorporated or chartered bank doing business in this Province; but any interest, dividends or income derived from any such shares held by any person resident in this Province shall be deemed to come within and to be liable to assessment under the 28th section of this Act," *Answer*—Shares to be assessed same as mortgages.

(18.) "The stock held by any person in any R. R. Co., the shares in Building Societies, and so much of the personal property of any person as is invested in any Co. incorporated for the purpose of -ending money on the security of real estate, but the interest and dividends derived from shares in such Building Societies, or from investments in such companies as aforesaid, shall be liable to be assessed." *Answer*—To be assessed at actual value.

(19) "All personal property which is owned out of this Province, except as herein after provided." *Answer*— No change.

(20) "So much of the personal property of any person as is equal to the just debts owned by him on account of such property, except such debts as are secured by mortgage upon his real estate, or are unpaid on account of the purchase money therefor." *Answer*—No change.

(22.) "The annual income of any person; provided the same does not exceed $400." *Answer* No change.

(23) "The stipend or salary of any clergyman or minister of religion, while in actual connection with any church, and doing duty as such clergyman, or to the extent of $1000, and the parsonage or dwelling house occupied by him, with the land thereto attached, to the extent of two acres, and not exceeding $2,000 in value." *Answer*—Recommend no special exemption in this case.

(24.) "Rental or other income derived from real estate, except interest on mortgages." *Answer*—No change.

(25.) "Household effects of whatever kinds, books and wearing apparel." *Answer*—No change.

Section 24. "In assessing vacant ground, or ground used as a farm, garden, or nursery, and not in immediate demand for building purposes, in cities, towns, or villages, whether incorporated or not, the value of such vacant or other ground shall be that at which sales of it can be fully made, and where no sales can be reasonably expected during the current year, the assessors shall value such land as though it was held for farming or gardening purposes, with such percentage added thereto as the situation of the land reasonably calls for; and such vacant land, though surveyed into building lots, if unsold as such, may be entered on the assessment roll as so many acres of the original block or lot, describing the same by the description of the block or by the number of the lot and concession of the township in which the same is situated, as the case may be." *Answer*—Vacant ground to be assessed at actual value.

(2.) "Each lot shall be liable for a proportionate share as to value, and the amount of the taxes, if the property is sold for the arrears of taxes." *Answer*—No change.

Section 25. "When ground is not held

for the purposes of sale, but *bona fide* enclosed and used in connection with a residence or building as a paddock, park, lawnf garden or pleasure ground, it shall be assessed therewith, at a valuation which, at 6% would yield a sum equal to the annual rental which, in the judgment of the assessors, it is fairly and reasonably worth for the purposes for which it is used, reference being always had to its position and local advantages." *Answer*—No change.

Section 29. "The personal property of an incorporated company shall not be assessed against the company, but each shareholder shall be assessed for the value of the stock or shares held by him as part of his personal property, unless such stock is exempted by this Act." *Answer*—Personal property of an incorporated company to be assessed against the company.

Section 33. "Every person who holds any appointment or office of emolument to which an annual salary, quarterly or other compensation is attached, and performs the duties of such appointment or office within a municipality in which he does not reside, shall be assessed in respect of the amount of such salary, gratuity, or other compensation at the place where he performs such duties, and he shall not be assessable therefor at his place of residence, but, if required, shall procure a certificate of being otherwise assessed, under the provisions of this section, but this section shall not apply to county municipal officers. *Answer*—No change.

Section 34. "The personal property of a person not resident within this Province, shall be assessed in the name of and against any agent, trustee or other person who is in the control or possession thereof, and shall be deemed the individual property of such agent, trustee or other person, for all objects within this act." *Answer*—no change.

Section 35. "In case of personal property, owned or possessed by or under the control of more than one person resident in the municipalty or ward, each shall be assessed for his share only, or if they hold in a representative character, then each shall be assessed for an equal poreion only." *Answer*—No change.

Section 36. "Personal property in the sole possession or under the sole control of any person as trustee, guardian, executor or administrator, shall be assessed against such person alone." *Answer*—No change.

The Committee recommend that no judges, or any of the officers of the Civil Service, or income, be exempt.

The committee then rose and reported. On a motion to adopt the report as amended the yeas and nays were called for on Ald. Scarrow's amendment to clause 10, relative to the exemption of Mechanics' Institutes.

Yeas.—Aldermen Scarrow, Egan and Ardell.

Nays.—Aldermen Campbell, Stringer, Skinner, Taylor, Greer, Glass, Boyd, Williams, Raynor and Peel.

The report was then adopted.

The Board adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 27th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Hiscox Greer, Edleston, Glass, Ardill, Boyd, Scarrow, Rayner, J. R. Peel, Egan, Muirhead and Gray.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed by the Mayor

From James Smith with reference to his taxation. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From the Secretaries of the Canadian Colonization and Aid Society, asking for the use of the City Hall on Friday evening. Granted on the usual terms.

From Richard Bugler, of Parkhill, asking for the remittance of taxes on his property on the corner of Maitland and Cheapside streets. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Charles S. Hyman, relative to the taxation of the E W. Hyman estate. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Wm. Hudson, tendering his resignation as city auditor. Accepted.

From John Dundas, for leave to erect frame stable on Litchfield street. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Thos. Browne, relative to printing accounts. Referred to Printing Committee.

An account from S. McBride, $29.31, for goods supplied Board of Health, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Ald. Edleston, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that Mr. M. D. Dawson be appointed city auditor, *vice* W. Hudson, resigned.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be laid over until next meeting, when the by-law should be prepared. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. Peel, that the sum of $2,000 appropriated on 2nd June, 1872, toward the construction of a bridge at the foot of Oxford street be confirmed by this council.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the Mayor, Ald. Egan and Ald. Campbell be a deputation to wait upon the County Council in regard to the matter.

Ald. Hiscox moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that no action be taken in the matter.

The amendment carried.

Yeas—Campbell, Muirhead, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Hiscox, Grey, Greer, Ardell, Boyd, Scarrow.

Nays—Pritchard, Powell, Thompson, Edleston, Glass, Raynor, Peel, Egan.

Ald. Powell moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that, inasmuch as there has occurred a vacancy in the staff of High School Teachers, in the death of the late lamented Mr. Bayly, and being informed that Mr. O'Connor is willing to have the duties performed by the present staff of teachers, be it therefore resolved, that this Council recommend that in the event of such being the case, no new appointment be made by the Board of Education, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Chairman of the Board of Education. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the offices of weigh scales clerk and wood market clerk be abolished, and that the weigh scales and wood market be put up at public tender. Lost.

Yeas—Aldermen Stringer, Edleston and Scarrow.

Nays—Aldermen Egan, Peel, Raynor, Boyd, Ardill, Glass, Greer, Taylor, Skinner, Powell, Campbell, Pritchard, Muirhead, Hiscox, Thompson and Gray.

Ald. Powell gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that a committee consisting of Aldermen Powell, Campbell, Skinner, Glass, Boyd, Peel, and Edleston be appointed for the purpose of managing the affairs of the jail.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the Mayor, Ald. Campbell and Ald. Egan be a deputation to wait on the County Council to ascertain their views in reference to the proposed Oxford street bridge. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the retention or dismissal of the caretaker of the Park be referred to the Park Committee to report at next meeting. Carried.

The Board then adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 10th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the Ceuncil Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Gray, Scarrow, Raynor, Peel, Boyd, Muirhead, Fitzgerald, Williams, Ardill.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were read—

From T. D. Gray, on behalf of Sheddon Co., claiming $26.10 for losses sustained through Bathurst street not being in a safe condition. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J. L. Turner, Wyandotte, relative to location of rolling mills in this city. Referred to Finance Committee.

From W. R Meredith, submitting copy of an act to extend the powers of gas companies. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From John Law, relative to committee of Colonization Society having an interview with a committee from the Council. Referred to His Worship the Mayor, with power.

From Ross & McNeil, for permission to erect frame coal shed on Richmond street. Granted.

From John Fairgrieves, for permission to erect frame building on York street. Granted.

From Mrs. Joliffe and six others, for remission of taxes. Referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee.

From J. W. Marks and ten others, for position of Clerk of the Wood Market. Referred to the Market and Park Committees.

An account from the McClary Mfg. Co., $12.30, two lamp posts, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A by-law for the appointment of an auditor for the year 1879, in the place and stead of Wm. Hudson, who has resigned, was read a first time.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Greer, that Mr. A. G. Smyth be appointed auditor. Carried.

The by-law was then read a second and third time and passed.

A by-law for imposing an additional percentage charge on unpaid taxes after Feb. 15th was read a first time.

Moved by Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the time be extended to April 1st.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the by-law be read this day three months.

Ald Hiscox's motion carried.

The by-law was then read a second and third time and passed.

Ald. Campbell, chairman submitted the following report from the Finance Committee :

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts, and would recommend the same to be paid: John Keary, election expenses, $16 ; E. Glackmeyer, do., $28; R. Scott, do., $12; W. McBride, do., $30 ; John Plummer, do., $9 ; C. S. Corrigan, do., $33; John McKenzie, do., $23; T. J. Reid, do., $11.05; Alex. Purdom, do., $11; A. Gunn, do., $23; R. Dinahan, do., $19; E. A. Taylor & Co., $38.85; S. McBride, $29.31; Fire Department, $395.17, less $81.24 referred back to F., W. and G. Committee; Cameron & Co., $145.26 ; M. D. Dawson & Co., $56.12 ; Hospital account, $571.10. Total, $1,532.10.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Peel, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Board of Works :

"Your Board of Works beg leave to recommend that the City Engineer's office be the one lately occupied by the Water Commissioners; that the tax collectors' office be removed to the south side of the Arcade; and that the store now occupied by them be let."

Received and adopted.

Ald Thompson, chairman, submitted the following report from the Market Committee:—

Your committee beg to report that on account of the continued ill-health of the Clerk of the wood market, which has incapacitated him for the discharge of the duties thereof, we therefore recommend that your committee be authorized to advertise for applications for said office, and to recommend a successor to the present clerk of the wood market.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Powell, chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:—

Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined, passed and referred the following accounts for hospital supplies for the month of January to Finance Committee for payment, viz.: To paid H C Green, for lumber, $13.85; cab hire for patient, $1; cutting wood, $12.20; O'Callaghan, groceries, $153.35; Taylor, meat, $99.35; Henry, milk, $22.05; Eldridge, bread, $39.38; McCallum, drugs, $65.64; Grant, servants' wages, $55.50; Walker, dry goods, $6.50; S McBride, tinware, etc, $19.83; Bowman & Co, coal, $81.89; total, $571.10.

The Relief Officer submitted in detail the expenditure of cash and wood for the month of January, which showed the following distributions throughout the different Wards of the city, viz:

No. 1	Ward	Cash,	$ 5	50	Wood,	16	cords.
No. 2	"	"	19	00	"	7½	"
No. 3	"	"	0	00	"	16	"
No. 4	"	"	0	00	"	3½	"
No. 5	"	"	0	00	"	22½	"
No. 6	"	"	12	00	"	17	"
No. 7	"	"	3	00	"	6½	"
			$39	50-		89	cords.

The Hospital Steward's monthly report sets forth the fact that the average number of patients in the hospital during the month of January was 52, number of patients remaining in hospital at close of said month, 62.

Your Committee beg further to report that they have awarded the following contracts for wood for hospital and relief purposes to Messrs H C Green, A Stanton, John Gilmour, Thos Frank and O'Gannon, in all cases the above named parties were the lowest in price.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Gray, chairman of the Printing Committee, submitted the following report:

"Your Committee beg to report that having examined accounts from John Cameron & Co. ($145.26) and M. D. Dawson & Co. (56.12), and found them correct, referred them to the Finance Committee for payment."

Received and adopted.

Ald. Scarrow, Chairman, presented the following report from the Salaries Committee:

Your Committee beg to report that the salaries of city officials for 1879 be as follow:

1—City Clerk	$1200
2—City Treasurer	1200
3—Weigh Scale Clerk	700
4—Street Commissioner	450
5—Relief Officer	400
6—Clerk of Wood Market	400
7—Janitor City Hall	500
8—City Engineer	800
9—Assessors, each	400
10—Auditors, each	100
11—Assistant City Clerk	550
12—License Inspector	200
13—Expenses Mayor's chair	600
14—Night Watchman City Hall	400

15—That the consideration of Fire Department salaries be deferred until the re-organization of said department.

16- That the salaries of the Collectors be $800 each, as recommended in Council.

17—That the salaries of the Steward and Matron of the City Hospital be the same as at present.

On motion the report was considered *seriatim*.

Moved by Ald. Williams, that all salaries be reduced 15%, and the Mayor's allowance cancelled.

Ruled out of order.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, that all salaries over $500 be reduced 20%, and under that amount 10%.

Ruled out of order.

First clause read.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the salary of the city clerk be reduced to $1,000. Carried.

Second clause read.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the city treasurer's salary be reduced to $1,000, the city paying his iusurance guarantee. Carried.

Third clause read.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Edleston, that the salary of the clerk of the weigh scales be reduced to $600.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the city do not pay for an assistant, and that no reduction be made from his present salary.

The amendment carried.

Fourth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Peel, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the Street Commissioner's salary be $600.

Moved in amendment by Ald Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the salary be $500.

The motion carried.

Fifth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Peel, that the relief officer's salary be $450. Lost.

The clause passed.

Sixth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Peel, that the salary of the Clerk of the Wood Market be referred to the Park and Market Committees, to report. Carried.

Seventh clause read.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the janitor's salary be $450. Lost.

The clause passed.

Eight clause read and passed.

Ninth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Ardell, that the salary of the assessors be $450 each.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Greer, that the salary be $500 each.

The motion carried.

Tenth clause read and passed.

Eleventh clause read.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that $200 be allowed for an assistant clerk.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that $300 be allowed.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that $400 be allowed.

Ald. Taylor's amendment carried.

At this stage (10.50) the fourth rule was suspended.

Twelfth clause read and passed.

Thirteenth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that $500 be the expenses of the Mayor's chair. Lost.

The clause passed.

Fourteenth clause read.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Clauses 15, 16 and 17 were read and passed.

Ald. Hiscox, chairman, presented the following report from the Park Committee:—

"Your committee recommend that the services of the present caretaker, Mr. Grant, be retained."

Received and adopted.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Peel, that inasmuch as the city and the Great Western Railway Co. have many interests in common, and it appears that the G. W. R. Co. is opposed to certain portions of the bill now before the Legislature respecting the affairs of the London & Port Stanley Railway Company, and it is desirable that efforts should be made to ascertain whether an amicable arrangement of the matter cannot be arrived at —the Mayor and the City Solicitor be requested to confer with the Manager of the G. W. R. Co. with a view to an arrangement securing to the city the amount they are legally entitled to upon their bonds of the L & P. S. R. R. by bill or otherwise. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Powell, that the name of Ald. Campbell be added to the deputation. Carried.

At one o'clock a. m. the Council adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 19th, 1879

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Powell, Skinner, Fitzgerald, Taylor, Greer, Gray, Scarrow, Raynor, Egan, Ardill, Boyd, Williams, Stringer and Thompson.

His Worship stated that the meeting was convened to consider the proposal of withdrawing the bill now before the Legislature relative to the bonded debt of the L. & P. S. R. Co., also to authorise the issue of debentures, in payment of the claim of the Government, amounting to $30,575.05 on municipal loan fund account.

A Communication and two telegrams from W. R. Meredith, Esq., relative to L. & P. S. R. were read: also copy of resolution passed at a meeting of the executive Council of the property owners Association appointing a deputation to attend this meeting relative to the matter.

On motion, Messrs Sully, Magee, Peters and Caldwell addressed the council.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Bill now before the Local Legislature, known as the L. & P. S. R. Bill, be withdrawn, and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to send a telegram to Mr. Meredith to that effect.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that, inasmuch as the Bill meets the approval of the citizens and Property Association, resolved that the matter be left in the hands of our representative to use his discretion either to withdraw, modify or proceed, if he thinks there is any chance of success.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Powell, that our city member be instructed, if he thinks the likelihood of getting the Railway Bill passed would be increased by striking out clause 9 of the Bill, that he so amend it by leaving out that section and amend the other sections accordingly, and that the Bill be allowed to go before the House.

Ald. Campbell withdrew his amendment.

Ald. Fitzgerald's amendment was put and declared lost, Ald. Edleston, refusing to vote.

Motion carried by vote of His Worship the Mayor.

Yeas— Pritchard, Thompson, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Greer, Glass, Raynor, Egan, the Mayor—10.

Nays— Campbell, Muirhead, Powell, Fitzgerald, Hiscox, Gray, Boyd, Williams, Scarrow—9.

Moved by Ald. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ald. Greer, that the Mayor be authorized to sign Government debentures to the amount of $30,575.05, and to affix the corporate seal thereto.

Ald. Muirhed moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the consideration of the matter be postponed until the next meeting.

The amendment carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 24th, 1879

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Edleston, Glass, Ardill, Gray, Scarrow, Raynor, Peel, Egan, Williams, Powell, Hiscox, Greer, Boyd.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were read—

From John Siddons, asking that the commissioners be granted power to permit him to use water (in Westminster) from water works on payment of the required rates. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., enclosing copies of bills before the Legislature; also stating that he had withdrawn the L. & P. S. R. bill. Fyled.

From John Taylor, Secretary of Westminster Water Works Co., relative to water supply for London South. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From E. O. Partridge, on behalf of the Colonization Society, asking the city to aid them in the desired object.

On motion, Mr. Law addressed the Council in the matter.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Powell, that the Colonization Society has the sympathy and confidence of this corporation, and do hereby instruct the Mayor to affix the corporate seal to the memorial to be presented to the Governor General. Carried.

From John Law, asking that rent of office in Arcade be remitted, he claiming to be a city official. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Frank Wheeler, for position of foreman in the Fire Department. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Alice Lawrence, Ellen Telfer, Levi Hodgkinson, and Wm. Small, asking for remission of, and exemption from, taxation. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Wm. Duffield and others, forming the new joint stock gas company, asking that a by-law be passed granting authority to lay down pipes in the city.

On motion, Messrs. W. Duffield and James Burns addressed the Council in the matter.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, to report next Monday evening. Carried.

Accounts were read as follows: M. D. Dawson & Co, $62.75, printing, etc.; *Free Press*, $204,16, do.; referred to Printing Committee. Brown & Morris, locks, etc., $4.93; Jas. Wright & Co., $11.54; referred to Finance Committee.

From the Audit Office, Toronto, submitting order in Council and form of by-law relative to Municipal Loan Fund interest due by this city.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the communication be referred to the City Solicitor, with a view of ascertaining the actual amount due. Carried.

Ald. Egan, chairman, submitted the following report from the Fire, Water & Gas Committee:

Your Committee recommended rescinding the by-law appointing John Reedy as chimney sweep, and advertising for applicants for the position. Also, ask for power to select from said applicants and make the appointment.

Your Committee recommended the purchasing of one thousand feet of best quality of hose at once, tenders for which have been asked for.

In reply to the Corporation of London East, asking for terms and conditions on which the city would supply said village of London East with water from the Water Works, would recommend the following, subject to covenants and conditions that may be found expedient by the City Solicitor:

London East to lay down all pipes and erect all hydrants, the city to charge a

rate not to exceed 50 % in excess of the rates charged in the city—hydrants not to be more than 500 feet apart—the city to have the right to tap mains and collect rates from private consumers of water; the contract between the two corporations to be for a term of five years.

Further, that until the above arrangements are completed, this Council charge the municipality of London East for the use of hydrants on Adelaide street (16 in number) the sum of $37.50 per hydrant per annum for fire protection only, said hydrants not to be used in any case for fire protection in London East unless the said Corporation enter into an agreement with the Corporation of the City of London to pay the amount thus stipulated.

Your Committee would recommend that the following constitute the staff of the Fire Brigade under the new system, with their respective duties and salaries :—

Chief Engineer, permanent, per annum	$1,000
Foreman, permanent, per annum	500
Drivers (2), permanent, per annum, each $400	800
Branchmen and hosemen (8), not permanent, at $150 each	1,200
	$3,500

The duties of the Chief Engineer were to see that the hydrants—nearly 200 in number, covering 28 miles—in the city are kept in good condition ; to regulate and keep in good working order the fire alarm battery, gongs and boxes ; to look after the 64 tanks now in existence, and see that those within the new system are filled in and those outside be placed in proper repair.

The duties of the Foreman are to have charge of the house of the department, and to have supervision in the absence of the Chief when otherwise on duty.

The two drivers have charge of the horses, &c.

The hosemen and branchmen to be in call.

Your Committee would suggest that during the summer months the permanent men's time be utilized as far as possible in watering streets in the immediate vicinity of the premises of the Fire Department.

Your Committee recommends the procuring of the following modern appliances, as being indispensible to a reliable system of fire protection with our plentiful supply of water, and being in accordance with the Chief Engineer's report submitted to this Council on 13th January last :

Harness	$125
Fixing and adapting doors to be controlled by electricity	25
Mechanical gong	75
Nozzle gates	109
Stop nozzles, 2 at $16	32
Flexible branch pipes, 2, $16	32
	$389

The present harness is worn out, having been patched and repaired until it is no longer to be depended upon. The new harness will be attached to the apparatus, saving time and wear and tear.

The mechanical gong gives a certain positive alarm with a loud blow, thereby saving expense in keeping up an unnecessary strength in battery. The alarm from the gong can be heard all over the building.

The nozzle gates do away with the necessity of shutting off hydrants when two or three lines of hose are attached, and also very important in event accident happening to hydrant, therefore absolutely necessary.

Stop nozzles and flexible nozzles, giving control of water to the branchmen.

Your committee would recommend the sale of No. 1 steamer at once, No. 2 steamer to remain until settlement of water pipes and water pressure have proved satisfactory. The lowest estimated value of this engine is placed at from two to three thousand dollars. To this belongs a heater which is valued at $150. The original cost of the steamer, which is in excellent condition, was $4,000.

Under the new system the firemen can get to any hydrant in the city from the time of alarm in seven minutes.

If the old system continued forty new tanks would of necessity be required, at an estimated cost of $200 each, equal to $8,000. Besides this, the present tanks, with a few exceptions, were condemned as unreliable in 1876. Keeping in repair and filling these tanks, the cost of which would increase every year, would amount to not less than $1,000 per annum.

Saving in fuel and repairs of steamers, together with an additional number of men, and the building of another station

Saving on salaries, $450. Altogether we can safely say that saving of at least $2,500 per annum in fire protection alone is assured, saying nothing of the cheapening of street watering and insurance.

Moved by Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the clause relating to the purchase of hose be adopted, and the consideration of the balance of the report deferred till next meeting.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald, Muirhead, that the clause relating to the purchase of hose be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the clause relative to water supply for London East be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the consideration of the remainder of the report be deferred until next meeting.

On motion, Reeve Waterman, of London East, was heard in the matter.

Ald. Pritchard's motion carried.

Yeas—Aldermen Pritchard, Muirhead, Thompson, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, Edleston, Glass, Gray, Ardill, Peel, Egan and Campbell.

Nays—Aldermen Fitzgerald, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Williams and Scarrow.

On motion of Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, the balance of the report was laid over till next meeting.

Ald. Thompson, chairman, submitted a report of the Joint Committee on Market and Park, as follows:

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the appointment of Clerk of the Wood Market, beg leave to report that, having advertised for applications, 16 were received, and after due and careful consideration, your Committee recommend that Mr. John W. Nash be appointed to the said office of Clerk of the Wood Market.

"Your Committee further recommend that, when not required at the Wood Market, the Clerk shall devote his time as assistant in Victoria Park, and that the Caretaker of said park be required to assist the Clerk of the Wood Market during the busy season in the measurement and inspection of wood at said market."

On a motion to adopt the report—

Ald. Stringer moved, second by Ald. Pritchard, that the name of George Evans be substituted for that of J. W. Nash. Lost.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that Henry Faunt be appointed. Lost.

Moved by Ald. Peel, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that E. Glackmeyer be appointed. Lost

The report was then adopted.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that in the opinion of this Council a license or tax should be placed on all transient traders, commission merchants or others selling goods or merchandise within this municipality, and would recommend the License Committee to report on the advisability of imposing such a tax or license. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Peel, that Aldermen Edleston, Peel, Boyd, Glass, Powell, Skinner and Campbell constitute a jail committee. Carried.

Ald. Stringer gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the Exhibition and Finance Committee be instructed to report upon the advisability of offering for sale that portion of the city property situated on the east side of Richmond street and west of the Exhibition grounds, and to add a portion of the Exhibition grounds, so as to make an equal depth from Richmond street.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Glass, that Aldermen Peel and Gray be appointed to investigate the matter of wood stealing on the Ross Farm, and that the disposal of said farm be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

On motion the Board of Works was instructed to report on the question of sewerage.

The Council then adjourned.